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“ We are very grateful that our financial advisor referred us to Estate First Lawyers for our estate planning. The expertise and professionalism of Special Counsel, Ann Janssen, in guiding us through the process, was exceptional. Ann provided our whole family with invaluable knowledge on estate planning structures. We now have peace of mind knowing our estate plans are finalised and effectively structured to offer maximum protection and ongoing benefit to our children. We feel we have given our daughters a gift of love that will keep on giving long after our death. What an empowering and satisfying experience!

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Ann Janssen has a passion for estate planning law and is special counsel and the divisional head of Estate First Lawyers. She is a Queensland Law Society accredited specialist in succession law and has over 20 years of experience in estate planning law. She is noted for delivering innovative solutions to blended families and strategies to prevent inheritances going 'L' shaped (that is, to stop inheritances from ending up in the hands of unintended recipients). Ann also deals with the estate planning matters in the firm which involve complex advice regarding how various structures pass on the death of key participants, such as self-managed super funds, companies and family trusts. She is a keen advocate of testamentary trusts as a tax effective tool in inheritance planning.

Ann has an Arts degree majoring in Economics as well as a Law degree with Honours from the University of Queensland. She also graduated with a Master of Business Administration in 2004, taking out the Graduate School of Management prize for best MBA of the year. Ann is currently studying to become an SMSF Specialist Advisor, which, along with her Specialist qualifications in Succession law, will make her one of only a handful of dual accredited specialists in Australia.

Ann is a member of the Australian Tax Institute, The Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners, QLD Law Society, Women in Super and Mensa Australia.

Ann is a noted speaker on her pet subjects of estate planning and business. She has spoken at Universities, Legal and Financial Symposiums, financial planning groups and their clients, marketing groups and law firms. Ann has the ability to present complex estate planning information in a powerful but simplified way, with plenty of colourful stories and insights along the way to keep her listeners engaged.



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